GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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CASES IN COURTS OF UP AND BIHAR
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the majority of cases in the courts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are civil cases;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the civil cases are not disposed of quickly giving it a criminal turn and hence the increase in number of cases;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue guidelines for quick disposal of civil cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of steps being taken to dispose of civil cases on priority basis within a fixed time limit?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): No, Sir.

The following is the distribution of the cases pending in the Courts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar:

	High Court As on 31/3/2001		Subordinate Courts As on 30/6/2001	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
High Court of Allahabad				
1. Uttar Pradesh	716891	135890	1073234	2431929
High Court of Patna				
2. Bihar	59285	15255	207417	809789

(b) to (e): Both the Government and Judiciary are concerned with the quick disposal of pending civil and criminal cases. Various steps have been taken by the Government for speeding up the disposal of these cases. These include simplification of rules and procedure on the basis of the advice and recommendations of the expert bodies like the Law Commission, the Malimath Committee etc.The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1999 and the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000, inter-alia, contain provisions for cutting short the delays and fixing a definite time frame at various stages of suits and civil procedings.